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# Riviera Garden Club

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## **A word from our Presidents Mary Varieur and Toni Ziegler**

Greetings from our homes to yours. We hope you're all staying well and enjoying this unplanned time in your homes and gardens. Roses are blooming everywhere and provide bright splashes of color throughout our yards and neighborhoods.

With great thanks to Marie Hoffman, Riviera Garden Club is staying connected. Marie has organized both our April Board Meeting and General Meeting through ZOOM. It was a treat to see and hear from 33 members at the General Meeting. It was decided to continue using ZOOM for our May meetings and the Mad Hatter Luncheon and Installation.

The Gifting Committee has completed its donations for the year. RGC supported South Coast Botanic Garden, Torrance Memorial Hospital Learning Garden, Tree People, Penny Pines, and San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden Restoration (CGCI President's Project). In addition, scholarships will be awarded to 2 high school students and 1 student at El Camino College. We've enjoyed being your co-presidents this year and appreciate all the support you've given us. RGC is a wonderful organization because of you.

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## **Information for our next Zoom Meeting**

May General Meeting Zoom Link

Topic: RGC May General Meeting

Time: May 26, 2020 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

Please reach out if you need assistance and we will help you join the next zoom meeting.

## **Riviera Garden Club Dues**

Dear Members

Our garden club depends on you to keep us going. In order to continue serving our community and our yearly gifting, we need to collect our yearly dues.

Dues for next year are due June 30.

Please make checks out to Riviera Garden Club Dues

(\$50/\$60 for associates) should be sent to Ellyn

Meikle, 1350 244<sup>th</sup> St., Harbor City, CA 90710.

Thank you everyone for supporting Riviera Garden Club.

## Staying Connected

Volunteers are calling 10 people a month. Please feel free to join in and call members.

A new way we would like to stay connected is the, “make a call, get a call” plan. This will connect members with at least two other members during this isolating time.

For this plan every member would call the woman whose name is after hers in our directory and connect with a chat or a message.

Being in relationship is such an important part of why we all belong to the garden club. Let’s make sure we continue that connection while we maintain social distancing.

## Upcoming Events

**May 26 General Meeting Zoom Meeting**      [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

**June 2 Mad Hatter Luncheon and Officer Installation Zoom Meeting**      Link will be sent to you

## Mad Hatter/Officer Installation

## June 2

We will be having our Mad Hatter on a Virtual Zoom call this year in order to keep us all safe during this pandemic. **You will receive an email with a link to the zoom meeting.** We will be keeping the tradition of making and wearing our hats, using materials from our gardens. We will do our best to create a luncheon atmosphere and make this a meeting to remember.

Please reach out to any of the board members if you have questions.

## Landscape Award Winners Congratulations to:

James and Sybil Muller

5013 Paseo de Pablo



### Birthdays

May		June		July		August	
Irma Chiota	4	Judy Urine	8	Nan Clancy	4	Bernice Slocovich	9
Marjorie McKarns	4	Regina Taylor	12	Wendy Tsuji	10	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	13
Marybeth Muir	11	Pat Heilman	18	Caroline Pohlner	20	Emily Lacina	14
Terri Grijalva	24	Diane Hayden	27	Sherry Streetmaker	22	Margery Phillips	14
Toni Ziegler	25	Leony Filler	28	Gloria Balcom	23	Wendy Eddy	19
Tecki Poletti	26	June Stevenson	29	Geeta Gupta	30		
				Bobbie Davison	31		

## The Magic of Mother Nature

Ever since I was 3 years old and learning how to garden by helping my Dad with our Victory Garden, I've been fascinated by watching plants grow. Whether it's a beautiful flower that started as a small seed, or food I can actually eat, to me it's all magic.

My gardening has taken many forms through the years – from planting tiny patches at many rented houses to large vegetables gardens – but I realize they all had one thing in common. I looked at an open space and decided what to put there.

Well, this Pandemic has changed everything. Instead of getting new plants from the nursery, I decided to see what Mother Nature had to offer if left alone. Which of my many seeds and bulbs would reappear? For instance, last year I randomly planted several seed packets of wild flowers. Would they return and multiply? Or, are all those mystery plants coming up just weeds? Additionally, while cleaning I discovered a dozen seed packets (flowers, vegetables, herbs) that somehow I never got around to planting. I've added them all to the mix.

It's too soon to tell what Mother Nature will ultimately bring forth, but every day I am out there watering, checking as new sprouts emerge, and cheering on crops like my baby spinach and lettuce.

While we go through this difficult time together, hopefully we won't lose sight of the magic – the beauty and bounty of our gardens and our friendships. After all, isn't that what our Garden Club is about? Gloria Balcon

Picture of Mary Varieur's Garden



Leony Filler's Garden Photos



Toni Ziegler's Garden Photos



Photos from Charlie Sappington Garden

